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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Group Art Unit 2625, Expedited Procedure

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: A. Tabatabai  
HIDEO TAKIGUCHI )  
: Group Art Unit: 2625  
Application No.: 09/742,432 )  
: Filed: December 22, 2000 )  
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, )  
: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, )  
: AND STORAGE MEDIUM )  
: August 18, 2004

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 14.